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Dear Sir:

This letter is one in which I make two points: (1) Programming in the radio and television markets is being eroded, and (2) increased consolidation in communications is undesirable.

The essence of my first point is that all programming
--- no matter what the network --- is being trampled by commercials. For years I have been asking how long it would be
before we had 29 minutes of advertising for every minute of
programming. And jamming more words into less time space
will not solve programming's commercial delimma. As you
know, sound has its own effects. Having people speak rapidly
will increase tensions, thus decreasing the number of listeners and viewers. If someone comes home from a stressful day's
work and hears quick words, some of which are understood, he
will not relax and will not want to hear it again. This is
something I believe the business world needs to realize.

They want to sell their products. Why should I buy those items when they are kicking me in the teeth every two minutes

with their commercial boots? I will not stay down forever. When a radio station manager says his purpose is to sell his sponsors' products, I see a red flare. Like the pharmaceutical and insurance companies that want independent business but are driving the country to universal medicine, business companies are driving away prospective buyers by constantly harping on the values of their materials. I suggest that they get together and develop more advertising networks, where only commercials are presented. It is detestable that even the national news is wound around multiplying messages from sponsors.

Regarding my second point, I understand that June 2, 2003, is the date set for voting on whether to take the air waves that belong to all of humanity and place them in the hands of a few greedy men. Too much consolidation has already occurred. Just as a handful of people in Manhattan should not have the power to say what the news of the day will be, a smaller number of voices than presently exist should not have the power to completely rule the air waves.

Postpone further consolidation in communications until you obtain thorough, wide-sweeping research on it. What is happening now is depriving the public of the choice of many voices. An example of that was the immediate removal of local programming at the second Fox station in Chicago.

The "pipes" of the Internet and the Internet itself should not be owned by any one individual or company. Today's "free" press is filtered through the seives of five companies controlling all that the public receives in basic information. NEVER put the Internet in such a harness.

You can see for yourself what deregulation has done to the communications industry. It kicked open the gate, allowing the powerful to stampede to more power while sideswiping the people and their needs, the people they perport to serve. The business world needs to know that the best style of commercialization in this country is done on PBS, a method it would be wise to copy.

The air waves belong to us all. Increased power in fewer hands is dangerous in various ways. In Texas their is a certain pride in being bigger. But believe me, bigger is not always better. Make sure fully accurate research is done before any vote on increased consolidation in communications is taken. The big boys can wait.

I am certain I am not alone in expressing such views; but I am also certain I am one of many with those views.

Sincerely,

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Dear Copps;

I am writing to you about the broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies. I ask that you not relax the rules. The proposed changes could silence independent voices. Entire communities could be dominated by one media company which could decide which viewpoints to broadcast and which to censor. The American people deserve to hear more than one viewpoint on important issues.

Therefore, for the sake of democracy and freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership rules.

Thank you,

Philip C. Armada, MD

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The major issues in the FCC's proposal are about diversity, objectivity, choices and quality made available to all americans by the media. It should not be about making huge media companies larger, more profitable and more in control of the news and programs made available to americans.

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If these rules are relaxed, media conglomerates will be able to gain control of all media outlets within an area. This will only serve to homogenize the messages that we receive, and will allow these companies to stifle opposing viewpoints. It will also serve to occlude the lens through which the public views the world. By way of example, the Walt Disney Corporation owns a television affiliate in our local market. It is interesting to see Disney World stories featured on the News shows. These stories would be commercials on any other station, but on the Disney affiliate, they pass as news. To the uneducated, ignorant, or unlearned, these messages become believable as they're served up as news. This will only get worse if the rules are relaxed. Additionally, these same companies will make media access unobtainable by opposing viewpoints.

For decades, these regulations have helped to insure a healthy political debate. My fellow Americans and I deserve to hear a multitude of viewpoints and opinions on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Bower

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Hello, my name is Dan Hand and I felt that It is my duty as a American to write to express my lack of support for the upcoming media deregulation policy vote. Public nedia begins to lose effectiveness as a function of that nedla source's size. The larger the corporation, the more responsible and accurate news coverage suffers. There is no reason to promote such media monopoly. Very important aspects of our democracy will become directly Jeapardized by such deregulation. The FCC should focus on ways to further downsize the news monopolies already in place. Furthermore, this upconing désicion by the FCC has been dangerously under-covered by the same media groups it seeks to straighter. Public operation 19 drastically against such deregulation and such unjustified FCC decisions (with so brand of implications) should be brought before the public before being shoved JUN 0 3 2003

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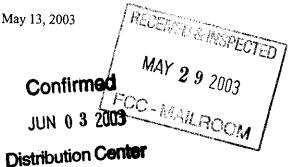
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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12TH Street, SW Washington DC 20554

Dear Mr. Martin.



I am writing to urge you to NOT relax the rules concerning ownership of broadcast facilities.

Certain proposed changes currently being considered by the Commission would allow large media organizations to gain monopolistic control of radio and television news and information across the country.

I strongly believe the such control by relatively few organizations would severely endanger our democracy by limiting access of the American people to differing viewpoints on critical issues.

Accordingly, I again ask you to continue the existing broadcast ownership rules which encourage political debate.

Sincerely,

Wallace F. McCoy

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Re:

In the matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, MB Docket No. 02-277

Dear Chairman Powell:

The Federal Communications Commission is considering possible changes to its media ownership rules. We understand the Commission may issue a rule as soon as June 2, 2003, that would relax media ownership rules in a way that could significantly enhance the concentration of media ownership. We request that the Commission propose a specific rule or rules, hold public hearings, and allow the public and Congress to review and comment on any proposed rules prior to final adoption.

Allowing greater concentration and cross-ownership of media may have a profound impact on Americans' access to a wide range of news, information, programming, and political commentary. Despite tremendous advances in telecommunications, Americans predominantly gain information from television, radio, and newspapers. For the relatively small percentage of Americans who turn to the Internet for their news, television-affiliated web sites dominate. The mass media, therefore, provides the information Americans need to fully participate in our democratic society. Altering media ownership rules could seriously affect vigorous public debate and the marketplace of ideas.

One of our concerns is that there be public access to many "products" in the realm of news, opinion, and information. Government action should be exercised to promote greater competition and thus to encourage diversity of views. Extreme care should be taken by the Commission to see that as a practical matter, no monopoly in the presentation of news and opinion is created. Any media ownership rule the Commission adopts must permit a factual determination as to whether a particular media combination would adversely affect the diversity of expression and independence of editorial content, or result in substantial lessening of competition.

We recognize the question of whether concentration will always lead to a lessening of diversity of opinion expressed in the mass media is unsettled. That fact makes it imperative that there be the widest possible

comment on any proposed rule, so the Commission may fairly and impartially evaluate whether it will promote or hinder such diversity.

Hindering public comment is the fact that no rule has yet been proposed. The Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, but proposed no actual rule upon which the public could comment. Thus, the public and Congress have had no opportunity to comment on specific changes and their possible effect on diversity. While there may be a difference of opinion on whether media concentration automatically results in lack of diversity, relaxation of the rules could have such a consequence. For this reason, the opportunity for the public and Congress to comment on a specific proposed rule is necessary.

Relaxation of the media concentration rules could have enormous consequences for the marketplace of ideas that is so vital to our nation. The public interest requires that any proposed changes to the rules be made in the open, with full and fair opportunity for all interested parties to comment. We urge the Commission to propose a rule, and allow hearings and public comment on this extremely important issue.

Marvin J. Johnson

Legislative Counsel

Sincerely,

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As a citizen of the United States, I am very concerned about the direction of your two year review of guidlines for media ownership. I do not endorse any change in the 1934 law that insures that the media has no cross ownership of media between newspapers and T.V. in our communities. I am also against any change in the percentage amounts that a media company can own in a designated market. These essential features of the 1934 media law was designed to insure that diversified ownership of media would gaurantee to the consumer that there would also be a diversified perspective on the issues of our day whether they be local ,national or international. These protections do not need to be modernized because these rules are essential to an educated populace. Our democratic princilples can only be protected by having an educated public that is informed by a multi-owned and vastly varied media. Please don't change the existing 1934 law.

Respectfully,

John de Neeve

Kalispell, Montana

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I urge you to *not* relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

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Sincerely,

Alan B. Nordstrom

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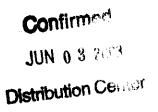
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May 15, 2003

Mr. Michael Powell Chairman, Federal Communications Commission Consumer Information Bureau 445 12th Street Southwest Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Michael Powell:

I read with dismay that you were considering eliminating regulations that prevent one company from owning a newspaper and a television station in the same city.

I grew up in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where one family owned the radio station, the newspaper and the television station. When I went to college, I found out that our news had been slanted toward the Democratic politics of that family and was shocked to learn that there were, in fact, other viewpoints-Republican, for example- that were never presented.

I urge you to reconsider putting media in the hands of so few. It is imperative that we should have the opportunity to consider different points of view. Consolidation would set this country back decades.

I hope you give this your serious consideration.

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Sincerely yours,

Dorothea Petrie

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Shirley M. Wright Steinman 3011 Vivian Rd. Monroe, MI 48162 May 21, 2003 Confirmed

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"In the matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review--Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Notice of Proposed Rulemakiing, M M Docket # 02-277 (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To the Secretary FCC Commissioners and Chief, Media Bureau

It has been many years since I have watched corporate TV 'news' or listened to corporate radio 'news' or read many corporate newspapers for 'news'; my news comes from public broadcasting, independent press, and from Canadian and British sources. And I tell everyone I know to avoid TV 'news' broadcasts, that are even referred to by the actors on them as "shows". Still, I am furious that even further inroads into what I once naively believed in, a Constitutional right to freedom of the Press, are being proposed and will be voted on June 2, 2003!

It is appalling that 10 public meetings on this important issue were boycotted by three of you! It is further appalling that \$3 billion dollars from the last presidential campaign went to TV (and we all know it wasn't *public* TV)! It was payment for past and future favors. Campaign Finance reform stops, in most cases, right where the buck stops.

Democracies are not run like this. This is the country which keeps talking about planning to install democracies in the nations it "liberates". If only 6 companies own most of the print, radio, TV, and internet media outlets, and are allowed to vend their ideas and products EVEN IN OUR SCHOOLS, what hope for true democracy does this nation still possess? And you are proposing to pull the noose even tighter?

It was interesting to watch "The Rise of Evil" in which the Hitler brand of fascism was traced. The brand being home-grown in this nation is not quite as blatant, but is just as scary.

This poem is from my book, Only Paper, Merely Words:

New Anthem of the Defeated

O Corporate America, we pledge to thee
Our lives, our blood, and our most sacred dollar.
You lurk behind that tarnished flag
That our forefathers bled for.
You take your money off-shore
To avoid your country's taxes,
Taxes every little man must pay
For those wars waged for your sake.
You prostitute the very word of freedom.

You make our representatives rich
So they make laws in your favor.
You lure investor's coin into
Worthless, "name-only" savings
That will add more to your coffers.
You pay enough to elect your man,
Even as president. He becomes
The most powerful man on earth
So he can rule for you with impunity.

You buy the air waves up,
Air that the people own, and need
For their priceless liberty.
You buy up all the largest press,
Make huge cities one-paper towns
To help dispense with diverse opinions.
All these sell the goods that make you
Even richer, sell your point of view,
Even sell the so-called "news"
That we peons believe is true,
So we'll all kneel down and bow to you
And forever pledge U! S! A!

Freedom of the press must mean diversity of that press. Please do not vote to further erode that diversity. Thank you.

Sincerely, Shirly M. Steenman

Shirley M. Steinman

Michael Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Sreet SW Washington, DC 20554

May 18, 2003

Dear Mr. Powell,

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I strongly oppose the further concentration of ownership of public media. I believe a mix of modes of ownership and independent voices best serves our continued democracy. This applies to television, radio, newspapers and electronic communication. I am extremely concerned that concentration of ownership will reduce the range of views we need in order to make the "marketplace of ideas" work. Regulation should work to preserve fair competition and independent ownership.

Sincerely,

David Shellabarger 2367 Fairmount Blvd.

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May 15, 2003

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Mr. Martin:

Giant media conglomerates are trying to gain near total control of radio and television news. This would most likely cause a one-sided dissemination of information that our communities all across America would receive. Some of these conglomerates have a known track record of attempting to keep opposing views from being heard. Some large corporations are lobbying the FCC to relax the current ownership rules.

I am asking you to do what you can to stop any relaxing of the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

Americans need to hear the whole news story, not just one point of view. Please do what you can to keep the broadcast ownership protections that we have had for decades.

Sincerely, Delra a Shelford

Mrs. Debra A. Shelford

Thousand Oaks, California 91320-2723

To the FCC:

EMERGECY MESSAGE:

DEAR FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:

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I. I AM ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF INFORMED AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHO IS PROFOUNDLY OFFENDED:

BY THE OUTRAGEOUS SECRECY WHICH SURROUNDS FCC PLANNING FOR DEREGULATION OF THE PRINTED/BROADCAST MEDIA IN THIS NATION!

II. I AM ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF INFORMED AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHO DEMANDS:

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III. I AM ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF INFORMED AMERICAN CITIZENS. WHO DEMANDS:

FULL DISCLOSURE AND BROAD DISSEMINATION OF ALL FCC PLANS FOR DEREGULATION -- AND PUBLIC CLARIFICATION OF THE THREAT TO OUR FRAGILE DEMOCRACY REPRESENTED BY YOUR PROPOSALS!!

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IV. I AM ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF INFORMED AMERICAN CITIZENS, WHO DOESN'T TRUST:

ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, OR FOX (OR RUPERT MURDOC) OF THE CORPORATIONS FOR ONE SECOND -- PARTICUARLY AFTER THE SHAMELESS CORPORATE MEDIA SUPPORT OF THE BUSH REGIME'S INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF IRAQ!!

V. I AM ONE OF THE MILLIONS OF INFORMED AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO WANTS:

MICHAEL POWELL AND HIS CORPORATE BUDDIES TO BE PUT IN THEIR PLACE!!!

INFORMED CITIZENS WANT A FREE, IN-DEPTH, OPEN, NON-CORPORATE, INDEPENDENT MEDIA!!!

DO YOUR DUTY -- NOT TO CORPORATIONS AND DESPOTS -- BUT FOR CITIZENS!

Thank you,

Bradley A. TePaske, Ph.D. Pacific Palisades, CA

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COMMISSIONER MICHAEL POWER FCC-MAILROOM FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION 4+5- 12 th STREET, S. W. WASHINDA, D.C. ZOSSY

DEAR COMMISSIONER POWELL,

I AM AT A LOSS TO FIND AM EXPLANATION FOR THE PHOPOSED LOSSENIT OF LIMITATIONS ON THE OWNERSHIP OF MULTIPLE MEDIA OUTLETS.

WHAT POSSOBLE GOOD FOR THE PUBLIC IS ENVISINDO IN THIS PROPOSAC? GRATTO THAT THE NEWS/ENTENTARMENT OUTUT OF THE MEDIA